

As a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio and an over-the-road truck driver, I can't begin to express how disappointed I am that Congress would even consider the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160. I place a great value on my XM-Radio. It's become an indispensable tool in my planning for the safe, legal, and timely transportation and delivery to freight in all of the 48 states. To remove satellite radio's ability to serve just our segment of the listening population with local traffic and weather would be nothing short of irresponsibly ignorant.

Additionally, I feel compelled to ask if Congress has properly weighed the consequences to the free-market system by removing these broadcasts from our satellite radios. Will we soon see local television stations be removed from digital satellite due to NAB concerns regarding these rebroadcasts?

As a satisfied XM-Satellite Radio subscriber expressing my displeasure at this stalwart attempt at a backhanded maneuver by the NAB. If Congress is interested in anything at all, may I ask what ever happened to protecting the interests of the consumer who chooses to pay for specific services--satellite radio being just one of those choices.

Thank you.